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Honorable Board of Commissioners
Housing Authority of the
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Commissioners:

**ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR
PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE 2013-2014 ACTION PLAN FOR THE ALLOCATION
OF FEDERAL FUNDS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTE)**

SUBJECT

This letter recommends acceptance of \$200,000 in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Community Development Commission (Commission). These funds are used for CDBG-eligible programs administered by the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (Housing Authority). This letter also recommends approval for the Housing Authority to continue administration of \$400,000 in prior year CDBG funds. This letter relates to two other items appearing on today's agenda for the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Commissioners of the Commission.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the acceptance of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 CDBG funds from the Commission is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because it is not defined as a project under CEQA.
2. Authorize the Housing Authority to accept \$200,000 in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 CDBG funds from the Commission, and to continue administration of \$400,000 in prior year CDBG funds, which will be requested for incorporation into the Housing Authority's Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget through the Housing Authority's annual budget

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approval process, subject to final notification of approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (Cranston/Gonzalez Housing Act), as amended in 1992, requires that the County provide a single, consolidated submission of the proposed expenditure of funds to be eligible for HUD formula grant funding, including CDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (Action Plan) satisfies these federal requirements to provide for the release of funds.

A new five-year 2013-2018 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan for the Los Angeles Urban County and the new 2013-2014 Action Plan are being presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval as a separate item on today's agenda. This item also designates the Commission to serve as the agent of the County in administering the Action Plan and the allocated funds.

The Action Plan identifies a total of \$200,000 in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 CDBG funds for projects that will be administered by the Housing Authority. The purpose of this letter is to accept these funds into the Housing Authority's budget, and to continue administration of \$400,000 in prior year CDBG funds. Attachment A provides a breakdown of the funds allocated to the Housing Authority by project, as well as a description of each project to be funded.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the County general fund. The Action Plan allocates \$200,000 in new Thirty-Ninth Program Year (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014) CDBG funds and \$400,000 in prior year CDBG funds that will be incorporated through the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Housing Authority budget approval process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On May 27, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2008-2013 and the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan. These documents have been updated as required by HUD. The current Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Action Plan end on June 30, 2013, and new Plans must be adopted by the Board of Supervisors in order to receive continued funding from HUD. The new Action Plan includes a description of the activities to be undertaken during Fiscal Year 2013-2014 to address the objectives identified in the new Consolidated Plan's five-year strategy.

In FY 2013-2014, there will be one new project and one continuing project. The new project will replace the interior flooring in 150 units and repaint the exterior painted surfaces of all common areas at the Rosas Senior Housing Development, located

among the 504-unit Nueva Maravilla Public Housing site. The continuing project will rehabilitate the Nueva Maravilla Childcare Center play area and two modular units. The play area will include new flooring in the play area, playground equipment and ADA improvements to the surrounding concrete sidewalks/pathways. The two modular units will receive new flooring, lighting, painting, construction of new steps at the north end of the building and upgrading the bathrooms to meet ADA compliance standards.

All of the projects proposed in the Action Plan are being federally funded. As applicable, the administering agencies will be subject to the prevailing wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act and related Acts and Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968, as amended, which requires that employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD assistance be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly to persons who are recipients of HUD housing assistance. However, where Section 3 is not applicable, the agencies will be subject to the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program and General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program, which furthers the same or similar goals.

This letter has been reviewed by County Counsel. At its meeting of April 24, 2013, the Housing Commission recommended approval of the proposed actions.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acceptance of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 CDBG funds from the Commission is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34 (a)(3), because it is an administrative action and does not involve activities that will alter existing environmental conditions. The action is not subject to the provisions of CEQA, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378, because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Each program within the Action Plan will be reviewed for environmental impact on a project-by-project basis before funding is released.

IMPACT ON CURRENT PROJECTS

The projects contained in the Action Plan will benefit low- and moderate-income residents of the unincorporated County and participating cities.

Respectfully submitted,


for SEAN ROGAN
Executive Director

Enclosures

ATTACHMENT A
HOUSING AUTHORITY PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

	PROJECTS (Continuing Funding)	
Project Title (District)	Project Description	Funding
Nueva Maravilla Childcare Center Rehabilitation (First District)	This continuing project provides for the rehabilitation of the Nueva Maravilla Childcare Center play area and two modular units located at the site. Rehabilitation of the childcare center will include new flooring in the play area, playground equipment and ADA improvements to the surrounding narrow concrete sidewalks/pathways that create barriers for persons with disabilities. Rehabilitation work in the modular units will include new flooring, lighting, painting, construction of new steps at the north end of the building and upgrading the bathrooms to be ADA compliant.	\$400,000
	TOTAL:	\$400,000
	PROJECTS (New Funding)	
Project Title (District)	Project Description	Funding
Nueva Maravilla Senior Common Area Painting and Flooring (First District)	This new project will replace the old and worn interior flooring in 150 units and revive the faded exterior painted surfaces of all common areas at the Rosas Senior Housing Development located among the 504-unit Nueva Maravilla Public Housing site.	\$200,000
	TOTAL:	\$200,000